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1. [REDACTED] three Mexican cabinet ministers are expected to resign in the near future. They are Hector Perez Martinez, Minister of the Interior, Manuel Gual Vidal, Minister of Education, and Antonio Ruiz Galindo, Minister of National Economy.

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2. [REDACTED] Perez Martinez is resigning because he wishes to disassociate himself from the graft and corruption prevalent in the State governments. Fernando Casas Aleman, present Governor of the Federal District, has been mentioned as his successor, with Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, Governor of Veracruz, slated to move up to the governorship of the Federal District if the change takes place.

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3. Gual Vidal is leaving, [REDACTED] because of his inability to work with Undersecretary of Education, Dr. Leopoldo Chavez Tinoco, who has strong influence with the Aleman Government.

4. Antonio Ruiz Galindo may be forced to leave because of an incident growing out of the Government's prohibition against the import of certain goods. At the time of the decree, the Mexican Chamber of Commerce informed Secretary Ruiz Galindo that a considerable number of washing machine parts, an item included on the prohibited list, were already en route to Mexico. Ruiz Galindo authorized importation of the parts on condition that the washing machines would be assembled in industrial shops owned by himself. The businessmen concerned complained to Colonel Carlos I. Serrano, who is known to have close connections with President Aleman. It is not known what action the President will take, but one obstacle to the ousting of Ruiz Galindo is the fact that he helped finance Aleman's presidential campaign.

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